

CLAIMS

1. A *C.pneumoniae* protein having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 for use in a method of treatment or diagnosis of the human or animal body.
2. A nucleotide sequence encoding a protein according to claim 1 for use in a method of treatment of the human or animal body.
3. A nucleotide sequence according to claim 2, having the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.
4. The use of a protein, immunogenic fragment thereof or nucleotide sequence encoding same according to any one of the preceding claims in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of infection due to *C.pneumoniae*.
5. The use of an immunogenic fragment according to claim 4, having the amino acid sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOs: 4-14 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of infection due to *C.pneumoniae*.
6. The use of an inhibitor specific against the protein, immunogenic fragment or nucleotide sequence encoding same according to any one of the preceding claims in a method of manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of infection due to *C.pneumoniae*.
7. The use of an inhibitor according to claim 6, the inhibitor being selected from the group of an antibody, DNA vaccine, ribozyme and antisense oligonucleotide.

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8. A method of manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of infection by *C.pneumoniae* characterised in the use of a protein, immunogenic fragment thereof or nucleotide sequence encoding same according to either one of claims 4 or 5.
9. A method of manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of infection due to *C.pneumoniae* characterised in the use of an inhibitor according to either one of claims 6 or 7.
10. The use of a protein according to claim 1 or an immunogenic fragment thereof or a binding agent specific to same or an inhibitor of same in the manufacture of a diagnostic test for *C.pneumoniae*.
11. A kit of parts for a diagnostic test for *C.pneumoniae*, characterised in that it comprises a protein according to claim 1 or an immunogenic fragment thereof or a binding agent specific to same or an inhibitor of same.
12. A diagnostic test method for infection due to *C.pneumoniae* comprising the steps of:
- i) reacting an antibody specific against the protein according to claim 1 with serum from a patient;
 - ii) detecting an antibody - antigen binding reaction; and
 - iii) correlating the detection of an antibody - antigen binding reaction with the presence of the protein.

13. A diagnostic test method according to claim 12, being a method of diagnosis of the human or animal body.

14. A method of treatment of infection due to *C.pneumoniae* comprising the step of administering to a patient a medicament comprising a protein, immunogenic fragment thereof, nucleotide sequence encoding same or an inhibitor thereof according to any one of claims 4-7.

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